

570 *Assembly Proceedings, May 26-June 11, 1697.*

L. H. J. Post Merediem, House mett.

The houses address to his Ex^{cy} for enlarging the County Commissions and M^r Sharps petition sent to his Ex^{cy} and his Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Councill. by Cap^t Hoskins and Major Barton.

House adjourned till six of the Clock to Morrow Morning.

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Tuesday June the second 1697.

House mett, and read over what was done yesterday.

Ordered, M^r Rob^t Mason Treasurer of the Western Shore pay unto M^r Jn^o Perry 50^l Sterl: for his Sallary as post this yeare.

A Bill Impowering the Commissioners of the County Courts to purchase Lands for Court houses, read the second tyme and comitted for Amend^{mt} Viz : a salvo for Dorchester County.

An additionall Bill for the recovery of Small debts, read the second tyme and passed.

A Bill for the naturalization of Stephen Francis and George Slacombe read the second tyme and passed.

Proposed by his Ex^{cy} to this house that a Law be made for the Justices of the provinciall and County Courts to read over yesterdays minutes every morning, and at the beginning of every Court to Examine whether the last courts Records are made up or not.

Resolved that such bill be prepared.

House adjourned untill two of the clock.

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And it being signified to them that his Ex^{cy} required them to come up and again Conferr with his Ex^{cy} and his Maj^{tys} honble Councill, where being admitted.

The Gentlemen appointed yesterday to draw up proposalls in order to a Treaty with the Indians present the following reporte viz^t

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Att a Comitte by appointment of the Governour, Councill and house of Burgesses composed of the Councill and Burgesses for considering the Indians affair and making proposalls what may be most proper measures to be taking for Quieting their feares and secureing the province &c.

Present of the Councill

Burgesses.

Col. Addison

Major Smallwood

M^r W^m Hatton

Col. Courts

M^r Hawkins

M^r W^m Hutchison

M^r Tho^s Brooke

M^r Hoskins

M^r W^m Barton

M^r Dent

Colonel Beall.

Colonel Addison chosen chairman of the comittee Ch^r Gregory Clke: